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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE ROCKEFELLER VISIT

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1. HEAVY COVERAGE OF THE ROCKEFELLER VISIT CONTINUED THROUGH THE EVENING OF APRIL 17 ON TELEVISION AND IN THE APRIL 18 PRESS.

2. THE ROCKEFELLER VISIT DOMINATED LOCAL TELEVISION NEWS BROADCAST ON APRIL 17. AMONG ACTIVITIES COVERED WERE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CALL ON MADAME CHIANG, HIS VISIT TO THE PALACE MUSEUM, AND HIS DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND EMBARKATION ON AF-2.

3. ALL APRIL 18 NEWSPAPERS CARRIED THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT AS WELL AS REPORTING ON HIS DEPARTURE. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT ON APRIL 17 THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THREE OTHER SPECIAL ENVOYS HAD SEPARATELY CALLED ON THE PREMIER "TO EXPRESS THEIR CONDOLENCES AGAIN AND HAVE SHORT TALKS."

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4. ALL NEWSPAPERS ALSO CARRIED ON APRIL 17 AP DESPATCH FROM TOKYO REPORTING THAT ROCKEFELLER SAID HE HAD DELIVERED A MESSAGE (CHINESE-LANGUAGE MEDIA CALLED IT A "LETTER") FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO. ROCKEFELLER REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE "BUT", THE DESPATCH CONTINUES, "IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE MESSAGE REAFFIRMED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT."

5. FOR TOKYO: THE AP DESPATCH IS UNCLEAR ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH ROCKEFELLER MADE THE REMARKS REPORTED IN PARA 4 ABOVE, BUT IT APPEARS THEY MAY HAVE BEEN MADE DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TOKYO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE AS WELL AS A TRANSCRIPT OF ROCKEFELLER'S PUBLIC REMARKS IF AVAILABLE.
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